

Rep. Lynn Gladney District 130

Biography

Lynn Gladney lives in Augusta, Georgia and when she is not participating in the Georgia General Assembly she works as the Director of Motor Vehicle Registration. She heads the division that is responsible for serving the 206K(+) residents of Richmond County by ensuring that drivers are compliant pursuant to the constitutional authority of the Tax Commissioner and the guidelines of the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR). During her tenure in her current role, she has led her division through the successful implementation of the DOR's statewide technology upgrade in 2018, which included 159 counties and was the most significant investment in the state department history. This and other professional accomplishments serve as her foundation and as an example of her credibility within the organizational executive leadership team.

Rep. Gladney has professional experiences that have allowed her to travel all over the world. She was born on the West Coast in Vallejo, California but she spent the early years of her childhood in Jonesboro, Arkansas where she later graduated from high school and joined the U.S. Army. Her career began at Fort Stewart, in Hinesville, Georgia, with a generational family legacy of military service. As the granddaughter of a WW2 era Navy Veteran and the daughter of a Vietnam era Army Veteran, Rep. Gladney is a proud decorated Army Veteran, and the first woman in her family to serve in the United States Armed Forces.

Rep. Gladney was elected in the 2022 General Election for the newly-drawn House District 130 seat, which is situated in Richmond County and includes parts of Local Commission District's 1, 2, 5, 6 & 8. Rep Gladney has made history as the first African-American Woman Veteran to hold a state level seat in her region.

Her background reflects 35 years of experience that encompass small business, public and private sector organizations, military and local municipal government in the following areas: public education, public relations, professional development, team building, problem solving, strategic implementation, budgeting, organizational collaboration, policy interpretation and leadership. She holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Management

from the University of Phoenix. She is a graduate of Leadership Augusta and the Georgia Economic Leadership Academy.

Rep. Gladney has received numerous awards for her community outreach, including the Women of Wealth (WOW) Empowering Women Magazine's Innovative Leadership Award for 2021.

Rep. Gladney's philosophy of leadership is anchored in her faith and her commitment to advocate for others. She has spent many years serving as an involved member of the Augusta community with the following formal boards & local organizational affiliations to her credit:

•Commissioner & Opportunity Zone/Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Chair (2020 -2022)

Augusta Aviation Commission for the Augusta Regional Airport

Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) strives to build and maintain partnerships throughout the Augusta community. It is believed that due to the strong presence the airport holds in the community, bringing visibility to area organizations and highlighting events will increase tourism and inspire growth opportunities for our region.

•Board of Directors, Member (2016 -2018)

Communities In Schools of Georgia (CIS), Augusta, GA

As the state's leading drop-out prevention organization, Communities In Schools of Georgia provides support to 36 school districts across 32 counties. Services are provided for needs in school and beyond the classroom to ensure every student, regardless of race, zip code, or socioeconomic background, has what they need to realize their potential.

•Board of Directors, Member (2016 -2017)

Golden Harvest Food Bank, Augusta, GA

Founded in 1982, Golden Harvest Food Bank works to create a safety net of partner agencies, programs, and direct services to meet the needs of families in the community who struggle with hunger across the 25-county service region. With a network of over 300 partner agencies and programs, the goal is to get nutritious meals directly into the hands of those in need through agencies embedded in their communities.

•Founder, (2020 – Present)

Beyond the Call of Duty, Inc., Nonprofit Foundation, Augusta, GA

The idea of Beyond the Call of Duty was created out of a need for veterans, seniors and their families to have a better working knowledge of the 300 (+) resources & services offered in our area. Service providers in the Augusta area do an incredible job supporting each other, but due to budgetary limitations they do not have the latitude to advocate for one another. This idea is to create a technological solution via a universal shared platform

of information that would give better visibility to the resources and service providers already doing the work in our immediate area.

•J -Tank Business Accelerator Program, Mentor (2021)

Jessye Norman School of Arts, Augusta, GA

The mission of Jessye Norman School of Arts is to develop students to become creative, caring, visionary, responsible citizens through the transformative power of the arts. The broad-ranged fine arts program challenges students academically, integrates technology and lays the foundation for extraordinary life experiences.

Rep. Gladney enjoys spending time with her sons Nicholas, Kalyn & Bryson, family and friends. In her spare time, Rep. Gladney enjoys hobbies such as kayaking, cycling, ballroom/line dancing & traveling.